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NEWSCASTER: At today's Southern California Association of Governments or SCAG meeting, officials said worsening traffic and air quality, a lack of affordable housing and a flawed school system are to blame for a reduced quality of life in the Southland.

In the SCAG report card, an annual state of the region overview, Southern California got a D- in congestion for being the nation's most congested metropolitan area, a slightly poorer grade than last year's D.

The report also blames traffic for the region's C air-quality grade, down from last year's B-.

The association's president and Brea mayor Bev Perry said proposals to reduce funding for transportation will make the problem worse.

SCAG also gave Southern California a D+ in housing affordability and a B in a education.

The report is available at www.scag.ca.gov. Again, that's www.s-c-a-g.c-a.-g-o-v.

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